AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

(1)   On page 1, please amend the Title as follows:

Title: ~~DISTRIBUTED DATA GATHERING AND AGGREGATION AGENT~~SYSTEM FOR GATHERING AND AGGREGATING OPERATIONAL METRICS

(2)   On page 29, please amend the Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Invention

A system and method is provided for gathering and aggregating operational metrics (*e.g.,* performance metrics, process events, health monitor state, server state, event metric data, and status metric data) for a plurality of members (*e.g., computers, servers, machines*) configured as an ~~single~~ entity and for a plurality of entities as a singular entity. In one embodiment, ~~T~~the system and method provides for operational metrics of members and entities to be aggregated and retrieved as a single result set, such that entity wide operational metrics can be acquired, monitored and displayed as a single entity. In one embodiment, at least one of the plurality of members has a gathering and aggregation system adapted to gather operational metric data from the plurality of members and aggregate the operational metric data into a unified result set.